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I have somewhat of a disagreement on how definitive, how specific that that language needs to be. She has felt that we've dealt with a less specific language for the past ten years. The new public law established by Congress was changed in 1997 and I'm not sure in audits whether the feds have caught that as far as it being our language...our state law being in conformity with the federal law. I...I, however, do not want to hold up this piece of legislation. Either Senator Brown's amendment, which I think has good intent, is logical, but I want to make absolutely certain that approximately \$1 million in funding that flows from Part C as part of IDEA to do what we're attempting to do with these councils is not jeopardized by not having specific language. I have been assured by Senator Brown and also by the administration that they will work with me to make absolutely certain that the language defining who sits on this council complies with federal law. I have no doubt that we will be able to resolve this issue. I know they will work with me in this regard, but I want to make it a matter of record that this is...is just not a little issue and those of us who come to you with issues that cost a hundred or two hundred thousand dollars and they're well meaning but we have resistance, certainly when we're looking at a million dollars in federal funding we don't want in any way to jeopardize those dollars, and I know the administration doesn't, I know Senator Brown doesn't. So I am not going to hold this up. If there needs to be an amendment...Senator Schimek, can I ask you to respond for a moment to a question? Senator Schimek, I think you've told me...

SENATOR JANSSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: ...off the mike that in the event that we find we do need to amend this on Final Reading you'd be willing to pull the bill back?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct, Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. And, Senator Brown, if you would respond to an inquiry, please.

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.